(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

**Rehabilitation of child labour employed in fire works**

200. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of overwhelmingly large number of bonded children below 14 years of age employed in fire works and match factories in different South Indian States, including Sivakasi fire work factories from twelve to fourteen hours a day in dark and dingy conditions; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government during the past three years to liberate such bonded child labour and how many of them have been emancipated from such bondage and rehabilitated during the period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) The Government is aware of the fact that children below the age of 14 are working as Child Labour in the fire works and match factories in South India.

(b) The Government are implementing the National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in the area for some years now. The number of children working in the above named industry has been declining consistently in the last few years.

**Nation-wide coverage drive for uncovered establishments**

201. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a nation-wide coverage drive for uncovered establishments/factories, including *beedi*-workers during January-February, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of the Nation-wide coverage drive;

(c) the details of the number of establishments/factories and *beedi* workers establishments detected, State-wise, during this Nation-wide Drive

with regards to under reporting their employment strength, evasion of coverage of membership under the EPF act and cases of defaulting in monthly remittance of statutory contributions and timely submission of returns under EPF Act;

(d) the details of action taken against the defaulted establishments State-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation had launched a Nation-wide Coverage Drive during the period January 2005-March 2005 for coverage of uncovered establishments/ factories including *beedi* establishments. The details of establishments covered and members enrolled (including the members in respect of establishments under reporting) are at Statement-I. (*See below*)

(d) The details are given at Statement-II. (*See below*)

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

***Statement-I***

*Special Drive Coverage*

*During the period January 2005 to March 2005*

| Sl. No. | Region | No. of Beedi Estts. | No. of Beedi Members | No. of Non-Beedi Estts. | No. Non-Beedi Members | Grand Total Estts. | Grand Total Members |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 83 | 23095 | 1909 | 4658 | 1992 | 69153 |
| 2 | Bihar | 0 | 0 | 228 | 6033 | 228 | 6033 |
| 3 | Chattisgarh | 0 | 0 | 89 | 3579 | 89 | 3579 |
| 4 | Delhi | 0 | 0 | 1851 | 35903 | 1851 | 35903 |
| 5 | Goa | 0 | 0 | 70 | 2205 | 70 | 2205 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 0 | 0 | 1277 | 36257 | 1277 | 36257 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 335 | 7833 | 335 | 7855 |
| 8 | Haryana | 0 | 0 | 1945 | 73846 | 1945 | 73846 |
| 9 | Jharkhand | 2 | 4233 | 283 | 7054 | 285 | 11287 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Karnataka | 7 | 274 | 930 | 25945 | 937 | 26219 |
| 11 | Kerala | 0 | 113 | 321 | 7800 | 321 | 7913 |
| 12 | Maharashtra | 11 | 502 | 606 | 15690 | 617 | 16192 |
| 13 | Madhya Pradesh | 19 | 2031 | 1969 | 59150 | 1988 | 61181 |
| 14 | North Eastern Region | 0 | 21 | 170 | 5357 | 170 | 5378 |
| 15 | Orissa | 43 | 8649 | 603 | 23025 | 646 | 31674 |
| 16 | Punjab | 0 | 0 | 1115 | 26221 | 1115 | 26221 |
| 17 | Rajasthan | 8 | 386 | 1164 | 31526 | 1172 | 31912 |
| 18 | Tamil Nadu | 0 | 2978 | 1560 | 66557 | 1560 | 69535 |
| 19 | Uttar Pradesh | 97 | 2129 | 1767 | 46273 | 1864 | 48402 |
| 20 | Uttaranchal | 0 | 0 | 184 | 5960 | 184 | 5960 |
| 21 | West Bengal | 0 | 2676 | 1208 | 23310 | 1208 | 25986 |
| | Total : | 270 | 47087 | 19584 | 555582 | 19854 | 602669 |

**Statement-II**

*Details of Action Taken Against Defaulters during the year 2004-05*

| Sl. No. | Region | 7A Cases Initiated | Prosecution u/s 14 ( in respect of EPF Scheme, 1952) | Prosecution u/s 406/409 of IPC (FIR filed with Police) | Total Penal Damages Levied (Rs. in Lakh) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 3693 | 721 | 18 | 717.03 |
| 2 | Bihar | 1233 | 182 | 4 | 952.91 |
| 3 | Chattisgarh | 192 | 0 | 4 | 543.97 |
| 4 | Delhi | 296 | 0 | 10 | 541.35 |
| 5 | Goa | 332 | 45 | 1 | 26.14 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 1105 | 33 | 12 | 549.37 |
| 7 | Himachal Pradesh | 413 | 0 | 0 | 62.51 |
| 8 | Haryana | 1435 | 55 | 8 | 763.12 |
| 9 | Jharkhand | 315 | 0 | 0 | 236.52 |
| 10 | Karnataka | 3412 | 317 | 244 | 1949.03 |
| 11 | Kerala | 2406 | 149 | 88 | 1225.70 |
| 12 | Maharashtra | 6164 | 0 | 5 | 2826.70 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13 | Madhya Pradesh | 1172 | 0 | 3 | 2284.29 |
| 14 | North Eastern Region | 401 | 0 | 0 | 652.93 |
| 15 | Orissa | 696 | 2 | 0 | 548.53 |
| 16 | Punjab | 2241 | 56 | 6 | 407.31 |
| 17 | Rajasthan | 891 | 0 | 8 | 412.09 |
| 18 | Tamil Nadu | 7240 | 223 | 179 | 3772.33 |
| 19 | Uttar Pradesh | 300 | 0 | 1 | 696.82 |
| 20 | Uttaranchal | 1269 | 0 | 2 | 863.46 |
| 21 | West Bengal | 1921 | 1689 | 91 | 331.06 |
| | TOTAL : | 37127 | 3472 | 684 | 20363.17 |

**Facilities to talented People**

202. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent report by the United Nations Development Programme estimates that 100,00 Indian professionals leave the country every year to take up jobs in the United States;

(b) if so, the main driving force for the brain-drain and potential economic losses to the country due to this mass migration; and

(c) what incentives/facilities Government propose to give to our exceptionally talented people so that they may stay back in India?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) As per Global Human Development Report 2001 of United Nations, about 100,00 Indian Professionals in a year are expected to take new visas recently issued by the United States.

(b) Most of the students go abroad for higher studies or employment after completing their undergraduate studies. Due to high mobility of students and scientists accurate estimation of cost of loss to the country as a result of emigration to US or any other country is not feasible.

(c) Several measures have been taken from time to time by the Government to minimize the outflow of professionals from various fields